Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 22 Sep 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 23 Sep 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 21 Sep 2021 at 16:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general developments. Medium for cloud amounts.

Headline for Wednesday 22 Sep 2021: Rain and summit gales. Becoming drier and brighter from the north.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 22 Sep 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	50%	70%	80%	70%	30%	10%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 22 Sep 2021

Weather: Cloudy overnight, rain and drizzle developing. Cloudy and overcast during the morning with outbreaks of rain, heavy and persistent at times. It will also be windy with summit gales. Drier and brighter conditions reaching Ben Hope and the far north around midday, these drier and brighter conditions pushing south through the afternoon, although probably towards evening before things improve across Knoydart and the far south. Patchy cloud and few showers in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 20%, becoming 70% by evening.

Visibility: Starting poor or very poor at height with extensive cloud, base 500 to 800m, patches to 300m possible. Improving from the north during the day, mostly good or very good by evening as the cloud lifts and breaks.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	55/69 SW	50/63 SW	45/57 SW	26/33 W	25/33 W	29/39 SW	33/44 SW	38/51 SW	42/57 W
900	53/67 SW	46/59 SW	42/54 SW	24/31 W	23/32 W	28/38 SW	31/42 SW	36/49 SW	40/55 W
600	37/50 SW	33/46 SW	29/42 SW	17/24 W	18/27 SW	21/31 SW	22/33 SW	26/39 SW	29/44 SW
300	14/47 SW	11/44 SW	10/41 SW	5/23 W	7/25 SW	9/30 SW	9/32 SW	11/36 SW	14/42 SW
Glen	12/29 SW	21/42 SW	19/38 SW	7/15 W	11/21 SW	13/25 SW	12/25 SW	14/29 SW	18/36 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/-1	7/1	9/3	5/-0	5/-0	5/-1	4/-2	4/-3	4/-3
900	7/0	8/2	9/4	6/1	6/1	6/0	5/-1	5/-2	5/-2
600	10/5	10/6	11/6	8/5	9/5	8/4	8/3	7/2	7/2
300	12/9	12/10	12/11	10/9	12/10	11/10	10/8	10/8	9/7
Glen	15/13	14/11	14/11	12/11	14/12	14/11	13/10	12/10	12/9
Freezing Level*	2500m	3000m	3000m	2500m	1800m	1500m	1500m	1600m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add.

Forecast for Thursday 23 Sep 2021
Weather: Cloudy in the south with outbreaks of rain and drizzle, persistent and occasionally heavy. Summit gales, but winds easing for a time around the middle of the day. However, Ben Wyvis, Assynt and the far north could well be dry and bright for a good bit of the day.

Maximum wind: West 40mph gusting 60mph, decreasing 20 gusting 30mph around the middle of the day, but strengthening again in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20 to 60%

Visibility: Mostly moderate to very poor at height in the south, with extensive cloud, bases 600 to 900m expected. But often good or very good in the north with cloud near or above the summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 5 to 8 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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